

# Indian Diggings School District



June 21, 2016

Dear Sirs:

The Indian Diggings School District is requesting an ERATE Filing Extension for the Form 471.

It came to my attention yesterday after a search of emails and a conversation with my County Office of Education that the deadline for submitting of the Form 471 for Schools had passed on May 26<sup>th</sup>. I contacted USAC and was told that I should submit the Form 471 and then contact the FCC to submit for an extension of the filing deadline. I then contacted AT&T to see why I had not received a bid for services and was told that a bid had been sent out in April. I had not received that bid and so was sent a second bid that I used to submit a Form 471 as of June 20, 2016.

The circumstances that led to the late filing are that Indian Diggings SD is a very small two-room school with an average ADA of 18 students. I am the only full time employee and it is my responsibility to file all state and federal paperwork along with my duties as the schools administrator and only teacher. This, as you can imagine, is a daunting task. For many years our County Office of Education handled our application process for ERATE. Last year they were unable to accommodate and it fell to me to fill out the forms and keep track of the process. It has been especially difficult this year with the number of extensions, the confusing nature of the communications from USAC and the changes to the online system. In reading many of the emails it seemed that the deadline had been extended to July 21<sup>st</sup> and, as I have found out, that was only for Libraries and Consortia. We are a small school on a tight budget and our needs are small. Our application is for only three phone lines and one T-1 data line for our Internet. It is my hope that you will be able to grant us an extension even at this late date.

Additional information you may need:

Form 470 (160043406) submitted on March 31, 2016, Form 471 (161058682) submitted on June 20, 2016.  
BEN: 111561, FCC Registration Number: 0013710280

Sincerely,

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